

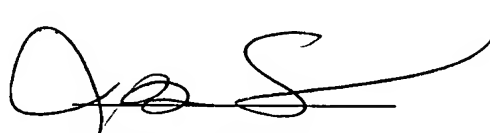
REMARKS

In response to the requirement to elect a species of the elected invention, applicants elect a solid catalyst containing a partially halogenated metal oxide, namely Cl-Si-MCM₄₁ of Examples 1 and 2.

The claims that read on this species are claims 1-11.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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